Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB :—" With reference to clause (e), may I know what the specific duties of the Curator are and why they are not mentioned here ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" They are not mentioned here, because it would make the answer exceedingly lengthy. The Curator is in charge of every thing connected with the custody and management of Government Record Office."

*Construction of additional record-rooms in the Madras Record Office.*

* 520 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government will kindly place on the table the papers relating to the construction of the additional record-rooms in the Madras Record office ?

*A.*—A copy [a] of the note explaining the proposal which was placed before the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 8th October 1924 is placed on the table.

## Police

*Reorganization of the Madras City Police.*

* 521 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Police, Madras, has submitted to the Government a scheme for reorganizing the Madras City Police ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the scheme in contemplation proposes to revise the pay of all European Sergeants and to give an extra allowance to European Traffic Inspectors ;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the scale of pay of European Sergeants to Rs. 150—50—250 and grant certain allowances for educating their children ;

(d) why the Government propose to give preferential concessions only to European officers ;

(e) whether the Government are aware that the Indian Sub-Inspectors of Police get less pay than European Sergeants ;

(f) whether the Government will consider the advisability of posting Indian officers to Traffic regulation work ; if not, why not ; and

(g) whether the Government will place on the table a statement as to what they propose to do with regard to the reorganization of the Police in the City and in the Presidency and with regard to the revision of pay ?

*A.*—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (d) The proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

(e) They are not aware of this.

(f) Traffic points are manned mostly by Indian head constables and constables.

(g) As the proposals are under the consideration of the Government, they cannot be placed on the table now.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 429-430 infra.

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Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government made any attempt to know what pay the sub-inspectors and inspectors get and whether the pay of European sergeants is as alleged in the question ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The highest pay of a sub-inspector is more than the highest pay of a sergeant."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" What is the lowest pay of a sub-inspector ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall give the different grades of pay :—

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| Sub-Inspectors, 1st grade | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 150 |
| Do. 2nd ,, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 135 |
| Do. 3rd ,, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 125 |
| Do. 4th ,, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 |
| Do. 5th ,, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 85 |
| Sergeant-Major ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 145 |
| Sergeant, 1st grade | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 135 |
| Do. 2nd ,, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 122½ |
| Do. 3rd ,, | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 110." |

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if any similar scheme or one with slight modifications was submitted to the Government by any of the predecessors of the present Commissioner of Police ? If so, whether the Government considered it and what orders were passed on it ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons why the Commissioner has suggested that the pay of the European sergeants should be increased and also some extra allowance should be given to the European traffic inspectors, the reasons that he has urged in support of his proposals ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " The proposals are under the consideration of Government."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am asking whether the Government can tell this House the reasons advanced by the Commissioner of Police for this preferential treatment to European sergeants by way of increasing their allowances, and their pay ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether there is a dearth of applicants for European sergeant's post to-day on the present scale of salary and allowances and whether in order to recruit a better class of men these proposals are made, or whether there is any other reason ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We are not paying at present a living wage to the European sergeants ; they are therefore running into debt."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know if the Government are satisfied that they give a living wage to the Indian inspectors and sub-inspectors ; if not, why should they not consider the revision of their pay and allowances."

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Such difficulty has not been felt with regard to them."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if a living wage has been paid to the head constables and constables ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I think so."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know if this running into debt is due to avoidable causes ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"May I ask the hon. the Home Member whether he has taken any pains to ascertain from the hundreds of constables and inspectors and sub-inspectors whether they are not also running into debt ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"That question does not arise."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"How did the other question arise ? From whom did the move about the indebtedness of the sergeants originate ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"From the number of cases that have come before Government, it was found that the salaries they are paying to European sergeants are not enough and as a result they are running into debt."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know whether the Government have investigated as to what is a living wage for a sergeant and what is a living wage for an inspector or sub-inspector, and if so, whether they will be pleased to place it on the table ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know whether this scheme involves as part of the proposals any reduction in the pay of the Indian inspectors and sub-inspectors ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I want notice."

Mr. BASHIR AHMAD SAYEED :—"May I know whether the scheme provides for the creation of any Imperial posts ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know what the hon. Home Member considers as the living wage for a sergeant ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I must ask for notice."

Mr K. R. KARANT :—"May I know why these sergeants should be European and not Indians or ex-service men ?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"There is no reason why we should not have European sergeants."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"Why should they be *recruited* ?"

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" We want them for police purposes."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSALU NAYUDU :—" Will the Government, after their consideration, place the scheme before the Council, before they arrive at any decisions ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am sorry it is not possible for me to give an undertaking in that direction."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what is the total recurring expenditure involved in the Government accepting the scheme ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" As I have said, the Government have not come to any conclusion."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am not asking for conclusions. I am asking what will be the total expenditure involved if the Government accepts this scheme of Mr. Cunningham ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, if in calculating the living cost of the officer concerned, his obligations towards his family are also taken into account ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I want notice."

## Irrigation

*Repairs to the Vadattur Kasam in Tiruvallur taluk.*

*522 *Q.*—Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that by the decision of Second Appeal No. 1584 of 1907 of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, the irrigation source known as Vadattur Kasam, No. 455 of the Public Works Department Imperial list, in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district, is solely in charge of the Government ;

(*b*) if so, whether any repairs were done to this Kasam for the last two decades ; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government will now be pleased to repair this source ?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A report has been called for from the Chief Engineer.

11-15 a.m. Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" Sir, the answer to this question is that a report has been called for from the Chief Engineer. May I know when the report is expected and how long the scheme has been neglected ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not know when it can be expected, Sir."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" May I know why this important scheme has been neglected so long, Sir, seeing that the courts have decreed long long ago that it is a Government property ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Without knowing the facts I cannot admit the implications in the hon. Member's question."